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10 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research  
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of May 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated one Geographic Intelligence Report (GR L-60-1, Cuba: Part XVIII); five Geographic Support Projects; and one Geographic Research Aid (GRA SC-60-1, Determining the Location of Certain Intelligence Installations in European Satellites). Three of the Support Projects were done at the request of the GM Task Force.

2. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 134 maps and charts and completed 182. Total number of jobs in process in the Division at the end of May were 429 versus 408 in April.

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3. The Map Library Division forwarded 27,648 items to requesters in response to 1,905 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information.

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3. Planning and Development

1. The Geographic Intelligence Review has been eliminated as a publication series effective with the publication of GIR 60-1 in June. The principal considerations involved in this action were the following: the desire of the USIB Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Intelligence Publications to reduce the number of publication series; the availability of other series to accommodate self-generated reports produced for the GIR; and the benefits in reduced processing overhead and increased production schedule flexibility that would be achieved. The GIR type of production will be continued as programmed work by each area branch, with retailoring and tighter intelligence focus of individual studies as necessary.

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4. The Arctic Area Discussion Group has scheduled an organization meeting for 8 June.

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4. A meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 19 May 1960 to continue discussion of a new Chapter IX format. Agreement was reached on a proposal for general reorganization of the Chapter IX, as well as on the elimination of certain types of content. The Coordinator will incorporate all Subcommittee agreements in a memorandum of recommendation which will be circulated to the Subcommittee members for review and comment prior to its submission to the NIS Committee.

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